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1. On 20 February 1953, the Alte Kaserne and Neue Kaserne in Parchim were about 95 percent lighted and appeared to be occupied to capacity. In February, platoons each numbering about 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying small infantry arms were observed leaving the installations and marching to the training field almost daily. Four 57-mm AT guns were noticed in the Neue Kaserne. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] forest west of Siggelkow, 5 km southeast of Parchim.¹ In mid-February, the Parchim-Schwerin road was blocked, probably because of field exercises. On 15 February, two field-grade officers with sedans [REDACTED] the drivers of which wore black-bordered crimson epaulets were billeted in Marnitz, 13 km southeast of Parchim.² Driver's training with motor vehicles / [REDACTED] was observed in Parchim.¹

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The present report indicates no changes in the occupation of the two installations until 20 February compared with the last report [REDACTED] . [REDACTED] indicate that most of the T-34 tanks may belong to the tank battalion of the 60th Mecz Regt of the 18th Mecz Div.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. Probably the exercises were conducted by units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps supported by headquarters units of the Third Shock Army and the IV Arty Corps (6th Arty Div) in the Schwerin-Ludwigs-lust-Wittstock area from 10 to 14 February 1953. [REDACTED]

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